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In this Application of: **Gerrit Bleumer**SERIAL NO.: **09/728,741**EXAMINER: **Edward R. Cosimano**FILED: **December 1, 2000**CONFIRMATION NO.: **2355**TITLE: **"FRANKING METHOD AND APPARATUS"  
AMENDMENT "B"****MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*16	MINUS	**21	X 2	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	*2	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 40.00 ( ) X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, Applicant herewith amends the application as follows.